



QUESTIONS FOR MIRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AD HOC NOMINEE

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MATERIALS INNOVATION AND RECYCLING AUTHORITY (MIRA) (CGS §§ [22A-260A](#), [22A-261](#), AND [22A-262](#))

- MIRA is a quasi-public agency that plans, designs, builds, and operates solid waste disposal, volume reduction, recycling, intermediate processing, and resources recovery facilities. It is the successor organization to the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (CRRRA).
- The governor appoints ad hoc members to represent the facilities the authority operates. Each facility must be represented by two such members, with at least half being chief municipal elected officials or their designees. The ad hoc members must be electors from municipalities served by the facility. They serve four-year terms, and may vote only on matters concerning the facility.
- The authority's board of directors consists of 11 full members appointed by the governor and legislative leaders. The governor appoints three members, and the Senate president pro tempore, House speaker, Senate minority leader, and House minority leader each appoint two members.
- Three members must represent towns with a population of 50,000 or fewer and two must represent towns with populations greater than 50,000.
- Five members represent the public and must have extensive, high level experience in a specified field. Three must be experienced in finance, business, or industry; one in an environmental field; and one in an energy field.

- Members serve four-year terms and must be confirmed by both houses. The governor designates one member to serve as chairman, with the advice and consent of both houses. The chairman serves at the governor's pleasure.
- The chairman, with approval of the board of directors, appoints MIRA's president, who supervises the authority's administrative affairs and technical activities.

QUESTIONS

1. The governor is nominating you for reappointment as an ad hoc member representing the Mid-Connecticut Project. How long have you served on the board in this capacity? How would you characterize your experience on the board during this time?
2. An ad hoc member's role is limited to representing a specific facility operated by MIRA. Because the number of the authority's facilities has decreased over time, are ad hoc members still needed on the board? If so, why?
3. Are there specific issues with the Mid-Connecticut Project you would like MIRA to address?
4. How has MIRA's experience been with operating the solar energy generation facility on the top of the closed Hartford landfill?
5. How should solid waste be managed in Connecticut? Are there technologies or management options used in other states that MIRA should consider replicating?
6. What has been the state's experience with single-stream recycling?
7. Connecticut law requires the recycling of certain materials ("designated recyclables"), including cardboard, glass and metal food and beverage containers, newspapers, and certain plastics. The mandatory recycling law was introduced in 1991.
 - a. Do you believe that Connecticut residents are aware of the recycling requirement? If not, what more can be done to increase awareness?
 - b. Are there other materials that should be added to the list of designated recyclables?

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